WFO Wichita Public Forecast (SOOVER) Statistics for Winter '03-'04 (Dec-Feb)

TEMPERATURES

The following chart compares CCF, FWC, MAV, and MET average absolute error for the 1st 4 periods of the public forecast. It shows CCF improvement over the FWC, MAV, and MET guidance. The lower the error, the better.

Station	Average Absolute Error				CCF % Improvement over			
	CCF	FWC	MAV	MET	FWC	MAV	MET	
WICHITA	3.12	4.55	3.86	4.32	31.5	19.3	27.8	
CHANUTE	3.42	4.40	3.42	4.36	22.1	0.0	21.4	
RUSSELL	4.49	5.89	4.83	5.20	23.7	7.0	13.5	
SALINA	3.76	5.29	4.55	4.74	28.9	17.3	20.7	
ALL	3.70	5.03	4.16	4.66	26.5	11.2	20.5	

The following chart shows the percentage of the time in each period that temperature forecasts missed by (+/-) 3 degrees or less. The higher the percentage, the better.

Station		CCF	FWC	MAV	MET
WICHITA	1 st Pd	76%	68%	63%	58
WICHIIA	2 nd Pd	69	53	60	52
	3^{rd} Pd	63	49	57	49
	4 th Pd	54	35	49	43
CHANUTE	1 st Pd	64	61	70	54
	2 nd Pd	63	49	66	44
	3 rd Pd	57	46	58	50
	4 th Pd	49	46	49	46
RUSSELL	1 st Pd	54	48	52	48
	2 nd Pd	44	41	50	44
	3 rd Pd	39	39	44	42
	4 th Pd	40	32	44	33
SALINA	1 st Pd	65	60	53	54
	2 nd Pd	63	53	53	48
	3 rd Pd	54	42	50	42
	4 th Pd	47	30	45	41
ALL	1 st Pd	65%	59%	59%	53%
	2nd Pd	60	49	57	47
	3 rd Pd	53	44	52	46
	4 th Pd	47	36	47	41

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PRECIPITATION

The following chart shows average brier scores, average WET PoPs (PoPs on days when we had measurable precipitation), and average DRY PoPs (PoPs on days when we did not have measurable precipitation). The lower the brier score, the higher the WET PoP, and the lower the DRY PoP, the better.

Station	CCF	FWC	MAV	MET	CCF % Improvement over		
					FWC	MAV	MET
WICHITA							
Average Brier Score	.050	.057	.046	.045	12.3	-8.0	-10.0
Average WET PoP	59%	48%	66%	61%			
Average DRY PoP	7%	7%	9%	8%			
CHANUTE							
Average Brier Score	.041	.055	.040	.040	25.4	-2.4	-2.4
Average WET PoP	67%	52%	70%	69%			
Average DRY PoP	7%	7%	8%	8%			
RUSSELL							
Average Brier Score	.035	.043	.042	.044	18.6	16.7	20.4
Average WET PoP	64%	53%	66%	48%			
Average DRY PoP	7%	6%	9%	6%			
SALINA							
Average Brier Score	.038	.046	.044	.042	17.4	13.6	9.5
Average WET PoP	67%	53%	70%	54%			
Average DRY PoP	8%	8%	11%	8%			
ALL							
Average Brier Score	.0410	.0502	.0430	.0427	18.4%	4.6%	4.1%
Average WET PoP	64%	51%	68%	58%			
Average DRY PoP	7%	7%	9%	7%			